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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Prohibition & Excise Department – Allegations of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal conspiracy against Smt.V.Aruna Kumari, P&E Inspector, SHO and 14 other P&E officials for their involvement in the Liquor Syndicate case of Guntur District – Accused Officers placed on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings – TDP framed charges - TDP Repealed - Case entrusted to Commissionerate of Inquiries – Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries - Appointed as Inquiring Authority - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.429 Dated:02.05.2023

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.14/RCO-VZT/2012, Dated:10-10-2012
2. Govt. Memo.No.45965/VIG.IV(2)/2012-1, dated:16-01-2013.
3. Govt. Memo.No.45965/VIG.IV(2)/2012-1, dated:20-05-2013.
4. Orders dated:24.12.2020 of Hon'ble High Court of AP in W.P.No.24975/2020 filed by Sri Kalluva Ravindra, P&E I
5. Orders dated:26.04.2021 of Hon'ble High Court of AP in W.P.No.24975/2020 filed by Sri Madishetty Ravi Shankar, I/c Depot Manager (Asst. Manager)
6. Act 29 of 2022 to repeal the Andhra Pradesh civil services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto published in AP Gazette, Part-IV-B Extrordinary No.29, Amaravati, dt:22.12.2022.
7. G.O.Ms.No.98, G.A.(Ser.E)Department, dt:18.08.2022.
8. U.O.Note.No.1878240/GAD/COI-R/2022-8,GA(COI)Dept., dt:29.11.2022.

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O R D E R :

Whereas the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau in his (final report) Lr.Rc.No.14/RCO-VZT/2012, Dated:10-10-2012 (Cr.No.01/RCO-VZA/2012)vide reference 1st read above, in respect of Guntur District Liquor Syndicate case, reported that on the allegations of criminal misconduct and criminal conspiracy against Smt.V.Aruna Kumari, P&E Inspector, SHO and 20 other P&E officials and recommended to place on their defense before TDP. After following due procedure, the Government have entrusted their case to TDP. The TDP has framed charges against charged officers .

2. Whereas Sri G.Dwarakanath, P&E I (Retd), Sri G.Nagendrappa, P&EI (Retd), Sri D.Nehemia Babu, P&E I (Retd) and Sri P.Subba Rao, P&E Supdt.,(Retd.) have filed writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court, challenging disciplinary proceedings initiated against them by the TDP. The Hon'ble High Court has passed orders and after examining the matter, Government have implemented the orders of Hon`ble High Court and sanctioned pensionary benefits to above individuals.

3. Whereas Sri Kalluva Ravindra, P&E Inspector has filed W.P.No.24975/2020 before the Hon'ble High Court challenging disciplinary proceedings issued in TEC Nos.122 &144 of 2013.The Hon'ble High Court has passed orders dated 24.12.2020 directed the respondents to conclude the enquiry pending against the petitioner, within a period of three months from

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the date of receipt of a copy of this order, failing which the Tribunal Enquiry Case (TEC) No.122, 142 of 2013, shall stand quashed. The same is under examination by the Government.

4. Whereas, Sri Madishetty Ravi Shankar, I/c Depot Manager (Asst. Manager) has filed W.P.No.8961 of 2021 before the Hon'ble High Court for not concluding the disciplinary proceedings initiated vide Tribunal Enquiry Case No.132 of 2013 against him. The Hon'ble High Court has passed the orders on 26.04.2021, directed the respondents to conclude the enquiry within a period of five (5) months from the date of receipt of a copy of the order, failing which, the enquiry shall stand closed and the charge memo shall stand quashed. The same is also under examination by the Government.

5. Where as certain charged officers including Sri Ede Mariah Babu, P&E Inspector, one of the charged officers in the above disciplinary proceedings, have filed writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court challenging disciplinary proceedings initiated against them. In this regard, the GP for Service-I, APHC vide his letter dated 24.02.2023 has informed that the mentioned writ petitions came up for hearing on 24.02.2023 and directed to conclude the inquiries within 6 months, otherwise the charges will be quashed.

6. And whereas, in the Act 6th read above, it was ordered that "the Tribunal constituted under the repealed Act shall stand abolished and all cases pending before the said Tribunal for Disciplinary proceedings on the said date shall stand transferred to the Commissionerate of Inquiries (COI) to continue the pending proceedings and shall be disposed off by it in accordance with the statutory rules governing conduct of the disciplinary proceedings in due compliance with principles of natural justice"

7. Whereas the Government have issued orders of procedure in respect of the cases pending before the TDP and allotted/transferred to same the Commissioner of Inquiries vide reference 7th read above.

8. Accordingly, the above cases of against Smt.V.Aruna Kumari, P&E Inspector, SHO and 20 other P&E officials, Guntur District has been allotted/entrusted to Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers vide reference 8th read above.

9. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby place the remaining charged officers given below, on their defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries for conducting regular inquiry into the charges framed against them for their involvement in the liquor syndicate case of Guntur District.

Sl. No.	Name of the Accused Officer Sarvasri	Designation	Place	A.O. No.	TEC No.
1	Smt.V.Aruna Kumari	P&E Inspector,SHO	Guntur-II	5	112/2013
2	D.Srinivasa Rao	P&E Inspector,SHO	Guntur-II	7	114/2013
3	Dasari Balaih	P&E Inspector,SHO	Mangalagiri	8	115/2013
4	Ch.V.Mahesh Kumar	P&E Inspector,SHO	Sattenapalli	10	117/2013
5	M.Venkata Reddy	P&E Inspector,SHO	Chilakaluripet	11	118/2013
6	G.Madhusudhana Rao	P&E Inspector,SHO	Chilakaluripet	12	119/2013

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7	Smt.Yasodhara Devi	P&E Inspector,SHO	Repalle	17	123/2013
8	Ede Maraiah Babu	P&E Inspector,SHO	Chilakaluripet	18	124/2013
9	G.Sambaiah	P&E SI, Task Force	Guntur	19	125/2013
10	K.Srinivasulu	Asst.P&E Superintendent	Guntur	20	126/2013
11	A.Janardhan Reddy	Asst.P&E Superintendent	Tenali	21	127/2013
12	Ch.Gopala Krishna Murthy	Asst.Commissioner	Guntur	23	129/2013
13	T.Srinivasa Rao	Asst.P&E Superintendent	Guntur	24	130/2013
14	G.N.Suresh Babu	Depot Manager	Nallapadu	25	131/2013
15	M.Raghava Rao	Depot Manager	Narasaraopet	28	133/2013

12. Now, therefore the disciplinary authority in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules,1991, hereby appoint Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers mentioned at para 9 above, for their involvement in Liquor Syndicate case of Guntur District and he is directed to complete the enquiry expeditiously and to furnish the inquiry report to the Government within 4 months(Keeping in view of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in the writ petitions filed by the certain charged officers) to enable the Government to take further action and pass final orders in the matter within the stipulated time as observed by the Hon'ble High Court.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department, AP Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi (with enclosures i.e. the record of the case which is received from the TDP).

Copy to:
Smt.V.Aruna Kumari, P&E Inspector, SHO and (14) other P&E officials , Guntur District (Through the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)
The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The General Administration (COI) Department, A.P.Secretariat, Building No.5, Velgapudu, Guntur District.
The GP for Services-1, APHC, Amaravathi
Sri K.Pridhvi Raj, Advocate & PP Gr-I (Rtd.) & Presenting Officer
SF / SC.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER